

# Feeling Useful – Daily Living Task

## Sorting Christmas Cards and Making Gift Tags

### Introduction

Come Twelfth Night, the cards and decorations must come down! Don't throw away the cards. Don't even put them in your paper recycling. They are a great resource for this quiet time in January.

First of all, let people look through the cards. Help them read the messages and who they were from. Which ones would they like to keep? Is there a particular resident, for example, who loves to collect pictures of robins? There are sure to be lots of robins on the cards.

Chat about who has sent the cards. Are they family, a friend or a neighbour?

Another nice thing to do is to sort them into categories - religious, seasonal, traditional, snow scenes, robins, Santa Claus, modern, humorous.

Christmas cards make a great resource for pictures to use in crafts. Here we suggest choosing nice cards, cutting them up, and using them to make Xmas gift tags, ready for next year. This is a rewarding and useful occupation.

### You Will Need

- Christmas cards
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Thin ribbon or gift-tag string

### Risk Assess

Care with scissors.

### What To Do

- Spend time choosing the best cards to use.
- Cut out all or part of the front of the card.
- Punch a hole at one end.
- Cut short lengths of colourful thin ribbon or gift-tag string.
- Put the ribbon or string through the punched hole and tie the ends.

